



THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

May 3, 1973

Dear Jim:

I am pleased to inform you that I have designated Ambassador William J. Handley as my Senior Adviser, with the rank of Assistant Secretary, and the Coordinator for International Narcotics Matters, replacing Nelson Gross. At the direction of the President he will also serve as Executive Director of the Cabinet Committee on International Narcotics Control, succeeding Egil Krogh, Jr. He will assume these duties on May 7.

Ambassador Handley comes to this assignment from Turkey where he has served as chief of mission since 1969 and where he played the major role in the negotiations which led to the Turkish ban on opium cultivation. He has thus been in the forefront of the international narcotics control program from its inception.

As Executive Director of the Cabinet Committee, Ambassador Handley will be responsible for coordinating the President's international drug control program. More specifically, his duties will include:

1. Overseeing the operation of the Cabinet Committee's interagency organization;
2. Coordinating the international narcotics control activities and programs of all involved U.S. agencies;
3. Acting as the principal point of contact and adviser on international narcotics control matters for OMB, the NSC, and the Domestic Council;

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4. Ensuring implementation of United States policy in international narcotics control matters;
5. Providing drug control direction to American ambassadors and narcotics control coordinators abroad;
6. Communicating, as appropriate, with foreign governments on drug control matters;
7. Representing the United States on the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs and at other international drug meetings and conferences;
8. Supervising the expenditure of funds now appropriated in the AID budget for international narcotics control programs.

I know Ambassador Handley will rely heavily on continued close cooperation from your agency in combatting international narcotics trafficking.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,



William P. Rogers

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